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FM AMEMBASSY LA PAZ

TO SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 2088

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: EMIN, BL

SUBJECT: EMBASSY REQUEST FOR CONTINUING INFORMATION  
ON DEVELOPMENTS IN TIN

1. I WOULD LIKE TO REITERATE THE NEED OF  
EMBASSY LA PAZ TO BE KEPT AWARE OF  
DEVELOPMENTS OF ANY KIND RELATING TO TIN.  
TIN, FOR GOOD REASON, IS A TOUCHY SUBJECT IN  
BOLIVIA. THE BIGGEST STATE COMPANY COMIBOL,  
MANY SMALL AND MEDIUM MINERS AND A LARGER  
PROPORTION OF THE FOREIGN EXCHANGE EARNINGS  
OF THIS COUNTRY DEPEND ON TIN. AS THE  
DEPARTMENT KNOWS THE BOLIVIANS ARE ESPECIALLY  
SENSITIVE TO GSA SALES AND THE IMPLICATIONS  
THEY MAY HAVE FOR THE INTERNATIONAL PRICE FOR  
TIN. ALTHOUGH THE USG IS NOT REQUIRED TO  
CONSULT ON THE PREPARATION OF PASSAGE OF U.S.  
LEGISLATION, NONETHELESS IT IS IMPORTANT  
TO KEEP OUR FRIENDS INFORMED OF WHAT IS  
HAPPENING IN THIS SENSITIVE AREA. THE  
DEPARTMENT OF STATE HAS SPECIALISTS WORKING  
IN THIS AREA AND SHOULD BE ABLE TO TELL US  
WHEN NEW DEVELOPMENTS ARE IMINENT. DURING  
SECRETARY KISSINGER'S RECENT VISIT TO  
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BOLIVIA HE TOLD PRESIDENT BANZER THAT NEW

TIN DISPOSAL LEGISLATION WOULD NOT BE  
COMING OUT THIS YEAR AND THAT WE WOULD  
CONSULT ON ACTUAL SALES BY GSA.

2. THE EMBASSY WAS TOLD BY STATE 137917  
JUNE 5 THAT NO ESTIMATE WAS POSSIBLE WHEN  
HEARINGS WOULD BEGIN ON PENDING STOCKPILE  
DISPOSAL LEGISLATION. ON AUGUST 20 THE  
MINISTER OF MINES INFORMED THE EMBASSY  
THAT THE COMIBOL REPRESENTATIVE IN NEW YORK  
HAD SENT A CABLE INFORMING THE MINISTER  
ABOUT THE BEGINNING OF HEARINGS ON NEW  
STOCKPILE DISPOSAL LEGISLATION. ON THAT  
SAME DAY THE EMBASSY SENT AN IMMEDIATE  
CABLE LA PAZ 6602 ASKING FOR INFORMATION  
WITH WHICH TO ANSWER GOB CONCERNS. ON  
AUGUST 25 WE RECEIVED A REPLY IN STATE  
210218 WHICH CONTAINED SCANTY INFORMATION.  
SINCE AUGUST 21 THERE HAVE BEEN HEADLINES  
ALMOST EVERYDAY BASED ON AN AUGUST 13  
ARTICLE IN METALS BULLETIN AND LOCAL  
SOURCES WHICH POUR OUT THE CONCERN OF THE  
BOLIVIAN MINING SECTOR REGARDING THIS NEW  
USG INITIATIVE.

3. WE HAVE TODAY, AUGUST 25, INFORMED  
THE MINISTER OF MINES THE FACTS OF THE  
CONGRESSIONAL HEARING ON STOCKPILE  
DISPOSAL LEGISLATION AND SOMETHING ABOUT  
THE LEGISLATIVE PROCESS WHICH IT MUST GO  
THROUGH. WE HAVE POINTED OUT THAT THE  
GSA IS LEGALLY REQUIRED TO SELL TIN IN  
SUCH A WAY AS NOT TO DISRUPT INTERNATIONAL  
MARKETS. WE HAVE REFERRED TO THE JOINT  
COMMUNIQUE ISSUED BY BOTH GOVERNMENTS  
DURING THE RECENT VISIT OF SECRETARY  
KISSINGER AND HAVE REFERRED TO ARTICLE 43  
OF THE INTERNATIONAL TIN AGREEMENT WHICH  
REQUIRES CONSULTATION ON SALES FROM NON-  
COMMERCIAL STOCKPILES.  
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4. WE WOULD LIKE TO SAY THAT GSA WILL NOT  
SELL ALL 28,000 MT ON THE MARKET AT ONE  
TIME AND THAT GSA HAS THE PRACTICE OF SELLING  
TIN ONLY IN A MARKET IN WHICH PRICES ARE  
RISING. ANY OTHER USEFUL INFORMATION  
ON EXPLAINING OUR POSITION WOULD BE MOST  
WELCOME AS WOULD THE DEPARTMENT'S APPROVAL

ASAP.  
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